

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING AND DRAFT NPDES PERMIT**

**To discharge wastewater into navigable waters of the State**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2010 – 11E – PH/RD**  
**HEARING DATE: December 14, 2010**

**DATE OF NOTICE: November 9, 2010**  
**RESPONSE DATE: December 27, 2010**

**Permit Information: MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NPDES RENEWAL**

**U.S. STEEL CORPORATION, MIDWEST PLANT**, Permit No. IN0000337, PORTER COUNTY, 6300 U.S. Route 12, Portage, IN 46368. This is the first public notice for the United States Steel Corporation, Midwest Plant draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The permit was transferred from the National Steel Midwest Division to the U.S. Steel Corporation in June, 2003. A permit modification was issued May 23, 1991 to incorporate effluent limitations for total residual chlorine and total residual oxidants resulting from the use of water treatment additives to control zebra mussels. The permit expired in March, 1995, and has since then been administratively extended. A five-year permit is proposed.

The U.S. Steel Corporation Midwest Plant finishes coils received from other U.S. Steel plants into cold rolled, galvanized, chromium or tin plated strip and sheet products. Activities at the permitted facility include acid pickling, cold rolling, alkaline cleaning, operation of a sheet temper mill, continuous annealing, electro-galvanizing, and tin electroplating. This facility discharges process, contact cooling, non-contact cooling and storm water. Sanitary wastewater from the permitted facility is now directed to the City of Portage WWTP. A complete listing and description of outfalls and discharge points are detailed in the draft Permit and Fact Sheet.

**Tentative Determination:** On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of pertinent standards and regulations, IDEM proposes to issue the Renewal permit which imposes certain effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and special conditions. The permit term is no more than five years.

**Hearing Information** **Hearing Information:** IDEM has scheduled a Public Hearing concerning this Draft Permit for December 14, 2010, at 6 p.m. (local time), at the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, in the Auditorium, located at 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368. The purpose of the Hearing is to allow public participation in the determination of the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit. Interested parties should submit written or oral comments to the IDEM representatives at the time of the meeting.

**Special Considerations**

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations for this Hearing must contact the IDEM - ADA Coordinator at 100 N Senate Av., Rm 1322N, (317) 233-4200, or via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

**Comment Period & Procedures for the Formulation of Final Determination**

The proposed determination to issue an NPDES permit is tentative. Comments not submitted at the Public Hearing must be received/postmarked at IDEM no later than December 27, 2010 to be considered in the formulation of the Final Determination. Anyone wishing notification of the Final Determination on this permit must provide written contact information to IDEM staff at the Public Hearing or during the specified comment period. Notice of Final Permit action will not be made to persons who fail to comment on the Draft Permit or fail to request such notice. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to the address below:

IDEM - Office of Water Quality / Industrial NPDES Permits Section  
Attention: Mr. Matthew Carmichael - MC 65-42 IGCN Rm 1255  
100 North Senate Avenue - Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251  
(317) 233-5961

All email requests or comments should be sent to: [mcarmich@idem.IN.gov](mailto:mcarmich@idem.IN.gov)

**Additional Information:** All draft permit documents are available for review at the IDEM Central File Room, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room IGCN 1201, Indianapolis, Ind., between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Copies are also available for review at the Porter County Health Dept; Porter County Public Library/Main Branch; IDEM's Northwest Regional Office; and on IDEM's Web site at [www.idem.IN.gov/5338.htm](http://www.idem.IN.gov/5338.htm). Please tell others you think might be interested in this matter.